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SUBJ: EMBASSY COMMENT ON ADVISERS TO SWISS DEL FOR TALKS ON
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1. DRAFT SWISS PRESS RELEASE NOTES THAT DR. A. W. JANN, PRESIDENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF HOFF MANN- LA ROCHE AND DR. P. HUTZLI, VORORT SECRETARY, WILL SERVE AS ADVISERS TO SWISS DELEGATION FOR TALKS ON JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY. AS BOTH JANN AND HUTZLI ARE FROM SWISS INDUSTRY, WE ASKED NUSSBAUMER FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. HE SAYS THAT JANN WAS NOMINATED BY SWISS BANKERS ASSOCIATION TO REPRESENT BANKING DURING TALKS ON TREATY. ALTHOUGH PRESENTLY WITH A MAJOR SWISS CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM (AND ONE WHERE ETIENNE JUNOD, PRESIDENT OF VORORT, IS A GENERAL MANAGER), JANN HAS EXTENSIVE BANKING CONTACTS. AT ONE TIME HE WAS MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT OF SWISS BANKERS ASSOCIATION, AND CURRENTLY IS ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNION BANK, INTRAG AG (AN INVESTMENT TRUST OPERATION WHOLLY OWNED BY UNION BANK), AND ROTHSCHILD BANK OF ZURICH.

2. NUSSBAUMER SAYS THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ON TREATY WERE SURPRISED AND SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS WHEN SWISS BANKERS ASSOCIATION SELECTED JANN TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS . HOWEVER, HE SAYS THAT JANN HAS TAKEN MODERATE LINE DURING INTERNAL SWISS DISCUSSIONS,
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AND HE THINKS HE IS A GOOD CHOICE.

3. OTHER ADVISERS TO SWISS DELEGATION ARE JEAN MONNIER, WHO IS BEING TAKEN INTO LEGAL DIVISION OF FED POLITICAL DEPT AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WHEN IT ENTERS INTO FORCE, JEAN HULLIGER, A JUNIOR FPD OFFICIAL WHO ASSISTS NUSSBAUMER ON JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY, AND DR. L. WILDHABER, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG AND EXPERT ON US LAW.
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